

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0616

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PASS FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SWEL, SNAR, AS  
SUBJ: U.S. CONTROLS ON THE SALE OF COMPOUND ANALGESICS

1. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING CONTROLLING THE SALE OF COMPOUND ANALGESICS. NON-PRESCRIPTION COMPOUND ANALGESICS ARE PRESENTLY FREELY AVAILABLE BY OVER THE COUNTER SALES IN DRUG STORES AND SUPERMARKETS. GOA IS CONSIDERING BANNING THE SALE EXCEPT ON DOCTORS' PRESCRIPTIONS.

2. RESPECTING THIS, AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS ASKED EMBASSY WHAT USG POLICY IS ON THIS MATTER. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT A FEW YEARS AGO, US WAS CONSIDERING SAME ACTION, BUT DID NOTHING PENDING REVIEW OF SITUATION AFTER FIVE YEARS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON U.S. PRACTICE AND POLICY RESPECTING ANALGESIC DRUGS.  
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